



# TECOMA TIMES

Tecoma Primary School Newsletter



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## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### AUGUST

**Monday 8th**

Girls Regional AFL  
Selected Grade  
5 & 6 Girls

**Wed 10th - Fri 12th**

Forest Edge Camp  
Grades 3 & 4



**Tuesday 16th**

Kinder Visit  
Grade 4

**Wednesday 17th**

Step Into Prep  
2023 Storytime.



**Thursday 18th**

Kinder Visit  
Grade 4

**Wednesday 24th**

Chesterfield Farm  
Prep Excursion



Experience Country Life In The City

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### 100 DAYS OF PREP

Well done to our Preps who raised the bat for 100 days of Prep last week, which is a significant achievement, especially after the last few years of interrupted attendance onsite. I know the teachers planned activities around the number 100. The kids had great fun seeing themselves as older people and my thanks to our staff and parents who took the extra time to age themselves and their children appropriately.

Well done Preps!!!

### PREP 2023 TRANSITION PROGRAM and NEXT YEAR

Yesterday, from 9.10-10.00am, we started our 2023 Prep transition program. We have 59 children enrolled for Prep in 2023.

One of the good things that has come out of COVID has been that we have learnt that there can be different ways of doing things. One of them is starting Prep transition in smaller groups, getting them used to where they need to go in the school and where their classroom will be, before we branch out into the larger group.

The children were absolutely fantastic yesterday, settling into the smaller groups for the 50-minute sessions. The next session will be on Wednesday August 17, from 9:10am to 10:00am.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we did our first-class structure for 2023 based on 430 children. If you won't be, or you think it is unlikely your child/ren will be at Tecoma next year, can you please let us know. We can then take that into account when we look at our numbers.

### PLEASE NAME ALL UNIFORM ITEMS

Staff are eager to return lost items of clothing to students whenever possible. With some sunny days recently, staff are finding large numbers of unnamed uniform items being found in the yard and deposited at the office in the lost property area. Students also need to take some responsibility of their own items and can look through lost property before or after school.

Families are asked to PLEASE name all items so we can return them to their owners as promptly as possible. Now is also a good time to check if names are worn off, faded or missing.

## NATIONAL TREE DAY 29TH JULY

What a fantastic day we had for our National Tree Day efforts last Friday. Students in all classes got their hands dirty and collectively planted more than 220 plants in various locations around the school. Mrs. Deb Langford led the program across the school, along with her support team of staff, our parent helpers and our student environmental leaders.

Pardon the pun but the environmental programme has been such an area of growth this year with the enviro centre going from strength to strength, chickens now down there and planting happening across the school. Thanks to Mrs Langford for her dedication with her team to all that has gone into making our school grounds, and the environment with which we surround ourselves, so appealing for our young children.



## **NEW CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS**

The Victorian Government has announced that the new Child Safety Standards will commence on 1 July 2022. The eleven new Standards have replaced Victoria's previous seven standards and principles. Key changes include new requirements:

- to involve families and communities in organisations' efforts to keep children and young people safe
- for a greater focus on safety for Aboriginal children and young people
- to manage the risk of child abuse in online environments
- for greater clarity on the governance, systems and processes to keep children and young people safe.

Changes have been made to support greater national consistency, reflecting the National Principles for a Child Safe Organisation developed following the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

There will be some unique features in the new Standards. A new standard focuses on cultural safety for Aboriginal children and young people and was recommended by Justin Mohamed, Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People, after undertaking an Aboriginal-led development process.

'Creating organisations that properly include Aboriginal children, young people and their families, and that acknowledge and appreciate the strengths of Aboriginal culture, can make such a difference. Organisations will have requirements to ensure racism within the organisation is identified, confronted and not tolerated. We know that if Aboriginal children and young people feel safe to be themselves in an organisation, "...this better protects them from child abuse", reflected Justin Mohamed, Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People.

The new Standards provide greater clarity for organisations on actions required to meet minimum standards. Victoria has over five years' experience of mandatory Child Safe Standards, so, here at Tecoma PS we have already had well developed child safety frameworks in place, since 2016.

Please go to our website and take a look at our new Child Safety Policy, which outlines all these changes and how they are met here at Tecoma Primary School. This was approved by all members of school Council at our last meeting, at the end of Term 2

In line with this new policy, we have also created a new Tecoma Primary School Child Safety Code of Conduct, which we will require all parents to sign.

This can be downloaded from the Website, or a new one can be picked up at the office for you to sign.

## **THIS WEEK AT ASSEMBLY WE...**

- Handed out some wonderful awards for student of the week
- Wished our Grade 3/4 Hooptime basketball competitors well for their excursion on Tuesday
- Wished our Grade 1/2 children going to the Melbourne aquarium and IMAX well for their excursion on Wednesday
- Alerted the school of the 59 children starting their Prep transition on Wednesday
- Congratulated and thanked Mrs Langford and her environmental team for their wonderful work in planting 220 plants in our school yard on national tree planting day last Friday.
- Heard from Junior School Council about the creation of positive postcards

See you around the school!

Rohan Thompson,  
**Principal.**

# SOCCER REPORT.....

After progressing through, the soccer team headed to Monbulk for the Division round robin against schools that had also progressed. A tight first game, where we played St. Joseph's, the team that had beaten us at the District level, it came down to the wire. Scores level and with only minutes left on the clock, the ball lived in our forward area. We had several shots at goal but couldn't get it past their goalie. With seconds left, St. Joseph's transferred the ball down to the other end and scored. A learn first up.

The drizzle continued, the puddles on the ground got bigger but the Tecoma kids took up the challenge throughout the day. Fielding a team of Grade 5s, we found ourselves playing against Grade 6 teams, some of whom wouldn't have looked out of place on a Melbourne Victory field.

At the end of the day, we had managed 2 wins and 3 learns. Congratulations to Nate, James, Mason, Ollie, Sam, Jarrah, Connor, Taj, Cohen, Kade, Cooper, Heath and Quinn for the amazing effort they put in on the day and to Jen, Megan and Mr. Thompson for helping drive the players to the ground and their support on the day.



Our Grade 5 and 6 students are learning about business and marketing in our Inquiry unit this term. In collaborative groups, they are creating a product to sell at a Market Day in Week 9, a fete style event that involves all the students in the school.

Students from Foundation to Grade 6 will be able to purchase goods created by our senior students who hope to make a profit on the day. There will be products, services, games and activities, such as cookie decorating, jewellery making, skilled competitions and even slime! The day will certainly be lots of fun for all involved.

More details will follow closer to the date.





*This week it was fantastic to see one hundred and fourteen of our grade 3/4 students take part in Hoop Time basketball for the first time in two years! Our very excited pupils jumped on a train and made their way to the Knox Basketball Stadium in Boronia to participate in a round robin competition against six other primary schools. The aim of the day being for all students to have fun and learn some new skills while being part of a team.*

*Tecoma staff were very proud of their efforts as our students displayed very good sportsmanship and represented Tecoma P.S. proudly. Our School Values of Respect, Personal Best, Creativity and Resilience were displayed by all throughout the day.*

*I would like to say a big thank-you to the all the wonderful parents, teachers and our 23 grade 6 student leaders who assisted with coaching teams, team managing and scoring on the day. Feedback from many of the kids today was that they cannot wait to participate in it all again next year!*





# STUDENT OF THE WEEK TERM 3 WEEK 1



GRADE	NAME	REASON
Prep K	Lennox C	Lennox eagerly embraced the challenge to experiment with larger numbers in his maths activity this week. He gave three digit numbers a go, identifying the greater and lesser number in each set. Well done Lennox!
Prep P	Evelyn B	For always asking questions to clarify information and the instructions given so she can complete her work accurately. AWESOME Evelyn!!!
Prep Y	Edith O	Edith, I am continuously impressed by how creative you are, when thinking of ideas for your writing pieces, and the incredible way in which you then illustrate them. You are a creative genius!
1V	Indi T	Indi, we were blown away by your performance of "Lizzy" during our Reader's Workshop: Reader's Theatre focus. Without any prompting, you played the part of 'Lizzy' confidently and in a clear voice with great volume, and expression which suited your character. Amazing work Indi!
2R	Emily M	For your very creative, super silly sentences that you wrote during Reader's Workshop. I particularly loved your illustration for the sentence 'The alligator wears a funny hat', it made me laugh! Well done Emily!
2W	Ari-Kai S	Ari is learning to share his amazing Maths suggestions and answers with the whole class. I love the way his Maths brain works, and he is focussing on his goal of being willing to respectfully share his ideas with the whole grade. This week he had great ideas about the 9 times table. Our minds were blown away!!!
3H	Oscar S	Oscar, I can tell you have been paying careful attention to our lessons about writing conventions, because as soon as we began writing on Monday, you asked if we should use paragraphs in our writing. Well done for remembering these and including them in your work to make it even better!
3H	Hannah F	Hannah, I was so happy to hear you ask for feedback during our writing session on Monday. I'm sorry I couldn't give you the feedback straight away as we were completing it under test conditions but it showed me that you were thinking deeply about your work and trying to make it the best it could be. Well done and keep up the fantastic effort!
4B	Calise L	Calise was a basketball wiz at Hooptime. Every time I saw her, she had a smile on her face and she was encouraging her teammates. Calise put her full effort into each game she played and very proudly represented Tecoma.
4D	Lorelei H	For being a Basketball SUPERSTAR! Lorelei displayed excellent teamwork and showed great sportsmanship towards the other teams. It was a pleasure to watch you and your team play. Congratulations Lorelei.



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4R	Harper W	Harper demonstrated her personal best and resilience when participating with her team, the 'All Star Girls', during Hoop Time on Tuesday. Despite not winning a game, she encouraged her teammates, was positive and had fun. I also appreciated her teaching me how to score! Well done Harper.
5M	Charlie F	In all that she does, Charlie always gives her best efforts. Of late, she has started to ask for more feedback, particularly in her writing and maths. Charlie then applies that information to improve her work and her understanding of concepts. Her efforts in understanding division have been one such example. Keep it up Charlie.
5U	Alayna A	For actively participating in our dictation lesson last week. Alayna, you remained focused throughout this activity and showed confidence when identifying the preposition in the dictation sentence. Keep this up Alayna, it was so lovely to see you get involved.
5U	Allora C	For consistently having a growth mindset in all aspects of learning. Allora, you seek challenges in maths and are always contributing to class discussions. You are constantly seeking feedback and finding ways to improve your learning. You are a wonderful member of our classroom.
6F	Ollie E	Ollie has really impressed me throughout our public speaking program this term. His impromptu speech about what he wanted to be when he was older was clear and well thought out (for off the cuff!). His prepared speech demonstrated his passion and ability to research, to make his speech more interesting for his audience. Well done Ollie! You are a natural public speaker!
6G	Akira G	Akira presented a wonderfully quick-witted, impromptu speech as part of our Public Speaking course. His content immediately engaged the audience and he managed to speak for the entire allotted time. A fantastic effort Akira...keep it up!
6G	Niam C	Niam's support towards the Grade 3 and 4 students during Hoop Time was commendable. He calmed nervous students, guided those who were a little overwhelmed and spent the day looking after others to ensure the day was a success. We are all so proud of you Niam, you are a true leader.
6S	Josh M	It's been great to have you back in the classroom after your time off Josh. You have settled in well and as usual, you are showing how respectful and considerate you are. Your knowledge of collecting bacteria specimens with petri dishes in science was impressive! Well done.
Japanese	Emma C	For earning the Hiragana Black Belt twice by reading all the 46 Hiragana letters accurately. Excellent work!
Japanese	Merry E	For learning to sing the Japanese weather song all by yourself! Fantastic effort, Merry-san (Miss Merry)!



# BECOME A TIGER THIS SUMMER!



WE ARE LOOKING FOR JUNIOR  
PLAYERS FOR ALL AGE GROUPS!

**Under 12, 14, 16**

**New players to the club get  
FREE MEMBERSHIP + FREE PLAYING TOP**

## REGISTRATION DAY

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3 10AM-12PM  
AT CHOSEN AVE UPWEY (THE CLUB)**

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**MASTER BLASTERS (ages 7-10)**

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**Yarra Ranges Council** **Yarra Ranges Families**

## BOOK WEEK 2022

### CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP

BRING A BOOK, TAKE A BOOK!

**Tuesday 23rd August - 10am - 4:30pm**  
Japara Living and Learning Centre, Durham Rd, Kilsyth  
Come along for story time at 10am

**Wednesday 24th August - 10am - 4:30pm**  
Monbulk Community Link and Reading Room, Main St, Monbulk  
Come along for story time at 10:30am

**Thursday 25th August - 2pm - 4:30pm**  
Healesville Library, 110 River St, Healesville  
Come along for story time at 2pm

Suitable for children aged 0-8 years (however all ages are welcome!)

**JAPARA** **YOUR LIBRARY**

This program is free and no booking is required.  
For enquiries contact Michelle Lehmann at  
Yarra Ranges Council  
9294 6207

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Yarra Ranges Council is a Child Safe Organisation

# UNIFORM SHOP HOURS...

**Mondays: 9.00am—9.30am**

**Thursdays: 9.00am—9.30am  
&  
3.00pm—3.30pm**

If you are unable to visit during these times you can place your orders through the Qkr! App.

Also, feel free to come in for second hand uniform. Cash is preferred for second hand items as this goes towards our chook food and the vegetable garden. Thank you.



## LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE FRIDAY'S ONLY

Orders must be done through the Qkr! App by 9pm the night before!  
Thank you.



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